

PhD position Bottom-up initiative on the energy market (1.0 fte) (215014)

Organisation

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Qualifications

We are looking for a PhD student who is highly motivated to work on this project, and is particularly interested in conducting theory-based research with a high societal relevance in the field. You have a creative, critical and independent research attitude. You can organize complex research projects. You can work independently, but can also collaborate in a team. You have recently completed a Master in Psychology with a focus on Social Psychology, or a scientific education that is closely related to this, or you expect to receive such a master degree soon. You are statistically skilled, and preferably have experience with complex data analysis. You have good communication skills in English and Dutch, both verbally and written.

Conditions of employment

The University of Groningen offers a salary of € 2,125 gross per month in the first year of the appointment, rising to € 2,717 gross per month in the fourth year for a full time position. This temporary position lasts four years. You will first be appointed for a period of 12 months. After a positive evaluation, the contract will be extended for the remaining part of the project.

Intended starting date is as soon as possible.

The job interviews are scheduled at Monday 9 February 2015. Candidates can be asked to give a presentation.

Your application should include your motivation, curriculum vitae, individual mark sheets, and contact information of at least two academic references. You may apply for this position until 2 February 2015 by means of the application form.

Unsolicited marketing is not appreciated.

Information

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Please, apply via:

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